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SUBJECT: SOCIALIST MEETING ON PORTUGAL

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1. HARRY VAN DEN BERGH, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY OF DUTCH LABOR PARTY, TOLD EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 4 THAT PRIMEMIN DEN UYL PLANS INITIATE DISCUSSIONS ON SPAIN DURING SOCIALIST LEADERS' MEETING IN LONDON. VAN DEN BERGH, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY DEN UYL AS HE DID TO STOCKHOLM, SAID BASIC PURPOSE OF LONDON GATHERING WOULD BE TO DECIDE ON SOME CONCRETE ACTIONS THAT EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS CAN TAKE TO SUPPORT PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY.

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2. NETHERLANDS' PVDA (LABOR PARTY) LEADERSHIP IS, ACCORDING

TO VAN DEN BERGH, SOLIDLY BEHIND MARIO SOARES. A THREATENED SCHISM IN THE PARTY ON THIS ISSUE WHICH DEVELOPED DURING THE SUMMER HAS BEEN SMOOTHED OVER AND THE PARTY EXECUTIVE HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT PLEDGING SOLIDARITY WITH PSP.

3. VAN DEN BERGH, WHO HAS MADE A NUMBER OF TRIPS TO PORTUGAL SINCE APRIL 1974, SAID THAT HE WAS LAST IN LISBON TWO WEEKS AGO. HE HAD MEETINGS WITH SOARES AND CAMPINOS AND WITH A NUMBER OF UNNAMED MILITARY OFFICERS. MOOD OF ALL WAS GLOOMY HE SAID.

4. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION AS TO OTHER TRIPS HE MIGHT BE MAKING THIS FALL, VAN DEN BERGH SAID MOST IMPORTANT ONE WOULD BE TO SPAIN. HE AND LABOR PARTY CHAIRMAN, IEN VAN DEN HEUVEL PLAN TO VISIT SPANISH SOCIALISTS IN SPAIN ON OCTOBER 8. IT WILL BE FIRST "OFFICIAL VISIT" OF DUTCH SOCIALIST LEADERS TO SPAIN SINCE FRANCO TOOK POWER HE SAID. IN PARTING QUIP, VAN DEN BERGH SAID PERHAPS EMBOFF COULD ARRANGE TO HAVE HIM ARRESTED IN SPAIN SO AS TO MAXIMIZE PUBLICITY FOR VISIT.
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